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#### **CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$48,000 COMPLAINT TO ROGERS TRUCKING**

SACRAMENTO – Frank Alvin Rogers, Jr. and Rogers Trucking face a penalty of \$48,000 for a spill of aqua ammonia into an irrigation canal near Colusa, which killed at least 3,500 fish.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint for this violation. The Complaint may be considered at the Central Valley Water Board's regular public meeting on February 5 or 6, 2009.

Aqua ammonia is a commonly-used fertilizer in the Sacramento Valley. On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2007, a driver working for Rogers Trucking accidentally caused a spill of approximately 6,800 gallons of aqua ammonia. The ammonia flowed into an irrigation ditch connected to the Reclamation District 108 canal system. Aqua ammonia is acutely toxic to aquatic life. The spill, which was not reported to the Office of Emergency Services or any other regulatory agency caused the death of over 3,500 fish in 15 miles of canals.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for the preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources.